

## Rick Ebert President, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Rick Ebert was elected to serve as PFB's eighth President in November 2014.

Ebert also chairs the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, a charitable organization supported by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Prior to his election as President, Ebert served as Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Vice President for 10 years.

Ebert operates a dairy farm in Blairsville, Westmoreland County, milking 80 Holsteins and growing alfalfa, corn and soybeans. Ebert is working to bring his three sons into the farm operation.

Ebert was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors in January 2016 to represent the Northeast Region. He was also selected to serve on AFBF's Trade Advisory Committee.

Ebert has given years of service to Farm Bureau at the state and local level. Ebert served as on PFB's State Board of Director for District 16 from 1996 to 2004. He was also president of Westmoreland County Farm Bureau and vice chair of PFB's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

Ebert also led PFB's Dairy Committee, and presented testimony before the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board on behalf of dairy farmers across the state.

In 2009, Ebert received the Mid-Atlantic "Master Farmer" Award, in recognition of his farm success and civic engagement.

In 2008, Ebert was honored with the Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award, from the Professional Dairy Manager of Pennsylvania. The award is given in recognition to a farmer who has shown superior management on their farm, and outstanding leadership within the dairy industry.

Ebert was named 2007 *Country Folks* Keystone Farm Show "Farmer of the Year." He was recognized for his involvement and accomplishments in the dairy industry and his involvement in social and agricultural organizations, such as Farm Bureau.

The farm's conservation work was recognized with the Westmoreland County Conservation Award in 1983.

His community activities include serving as a Westmoreland County 4-H leader and superintendent for the Westmoreland County Fair Association.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Dairy Science from Penn State.

He and his wife, Diane, have four children and four grandchildren. He is a member of the St. James Catholic Church of New Alexandria.